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### CALVIN AND UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN

*The Managing Editor:*

*Dear Sir:* Students of church history who are more expert in respect to Calvin than I am may have protested to you already against the unjust statement by your reviewer of Dr. Preserved Smith's *Age of the Reformation* in your July issue, p. 765: "It remained for Calvin to condemn them [unbaptized children] to the awful and unremitting terrors of eternal fire." Calvin shifted salvation, both for children and for adults, from baptism to the eternal purpose of God. As to the possible salvation of those who died in infancy, an interesting discussion of his views, with quotation of the pertinent passages, may be found in an article by Professor Shields on "The Doctrine of Calvin concerning Infant Salvation", in the *Presbyterian and Reformed Review*, I. 634-651.

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MADISON, N. J.,  
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